

Ocean Joss

Ships in Focus

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“Timur Providence”



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The fire stricken “**Timur Providence**” pictured stranded after a devastating fire which occurred during a voyage between Keelung – Kaohsiung in August 1973. The fire was so intense the vessel was beached in position 22.35N 120.15E.

This beautiful little ship was built as “**Montoro**” 2278, GRT, in 1956 by Nylands Verksted, Oslo, Norway, for the iconic Australian shipping and trading concern, **Burns Philp** for use mainly on their Singapore – Australia – Pacific Islands routes. The vessel was partially refrigerated and had a service speed of 13.5 knots. In 1971 Burns Philp sold her to Gibbons and Co., Singapore, who renamed her “**Timur Providence**”.

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